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ordinary people cannot separate. The illustrations are well chosen and, for the most part, excellent. Many of them are photo-engraved from drawings copied from classical figures, the source of which, unfortunately, is somewhat obscured by the statement that they are original. T.

Sargent's Silva.¹ — When it was begun, this superb work was intended to be completed in twelve volumes. The twelfth volume, however, recently issued, contains an announcement that a thirteenth volume will be devoted to supplementary material and an index to the entire work. Like its predecessors, the present volume is conservatively prepared and exquisitely published. It deals with the genera *Larix*, *Picea*, *Tsuga*, *Pseudotsuga*, and *Abies*. T.

Systematic Plant Anatomy. — Dr. Solereder, whose studies on the anatomy of flowering plants as applied to their classification are known to all botanists, has undertaken the preparation of a synopsis of what is known in this respect of the Dicotyledons.² The work is to be completed in four parts, and, though somewhat expensive (36 marks), will be a necessary and welcome addition to every working laboratory. T.

Botanical Notes. — The relation of plants to their surroundings is discussed in an entertaining way by Costantin, in a recent volume of the *Bibliothèque Scientifique Internationale*.

The anatomical means of distinguishing the commonly cultivated barberries are given by Koehne in *Gartenflora* for January.

Systematic plant introduction, its purposes and methods, is discussed by D. G. Fairchild in *Forestry Bulletin No. 21* of the Department of Agriculture.

A series of illustrated articles on the morphology of *Anemone*, by Janczewski, is brought to a conclusion in the *Revue Générale de Botanique* for December 15.

Orchid hybridizing, now a matter of some commercial importance, as well as of scientific interest, is described by C. C. Hurst in *Nature* for December 22.

¹ Sargent, Charles Sprague. *The Silva of North America*. Illustrated with figures and analyses drawn from nature by Charles Edward Faxon. Boston and New York, Houghton, Mifflin & Co. Vol. xii. vii + 144 pp., 26 plates.

² Solereder, H. *Systematische Anatomie der Dicotyledonen*. Ein Handbuch für Laboratorien der wissenschaftlichen und angewandten Botanik. Stuttgart, Enke. Lieferung 1, 2. 1898.